STANDARD OIL BURNS 11 TO DEATH; SPEEDS UP AND THEN STARVES THOUSANDS BY LAY-OFFS









"The unemployed and the employed workers of the Standard Oil Co. have to organize together; that's the only way we'll end slave conditions and slaughters like Tuesday's," a Standard Oil worker told The Daily Worker, in speaking of the murder of workers in the Bayway refinery of the Standard Oil. The Standard Oil stands guilty of the murder of these workers, and no whitewashing by the state or county officials can wipe that opinion away

Scenes from the disaster are shown above. Extreme left, ruins of the alcohol plant at Bayway, in which the Standard Oil, through a leaking gas pipe, murdered 11, possbly more workers, and maimed scores, blinding many for life. Extreme right, relatives of Standard Oil workers awaiting news of victims, at a hospital. Note presence of police, whom relatives of victims charged handled them roughly; also presence of nun, to make use of religion, so as to keep the workers from realizing the real cause of this murder.

In center, the murderers of the Standard Oil workers. Walter C. Teagle, head of the Standard Oil of N. J.; John D. Rockefeller, Sr. whose millions are made on the slavery of the Standard Oil workers

Standard Oil workers, employed and unemployed, organize under the Trade Union Unity League!

The Employed Workers in the Factories Must Be Brought Into Closest Co-operation With the Unemployed. Calls for Strikes Should Be Issued and the Workers Organized to Strike in the Shops March 6 and to Take Active Part in the Demonstrations.

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Millions Demand Bread--And They Get a War!

The "religious" attack against the Soviet Union is gaining momentum. Priests, rabbis and ministers who had been closing the gates of heaven to one another a short time ago, while condemning the other's adherents to eternal damnation in the hereafter, now stand united in a reactionary front against the Soviet Union. The real connection between the capitalist governments and the Christian-Jewish clergy is becoming more visible and distinct.

At the same time, every effort is being made to whip the masses all over the world into a frenzy of hate against the workers' and farmers' republic. The entire vocabulary of incitement is ransacked for suitable words to stir up resentment and hostility against the "unspeakable repressions" and "red atrocities" which exist only in the brains of the religious dopesters. All the denials of the Russian clergy, unable to deceive the masses and therefore forced to tell the truth, offer no obstacles to this orgy of religious lying. Every device of propaganda is and will be employed to split the masses along religious lines. That is the first aim of the clergy responding to the orders of their imperialist masters.

In less than a week the appeal to heaven became a direct appeal to more earthly powers. Pope and rabbi are now calling for the material intervention of capitalist governments to give substance to the spiritual intervention of God.

"Protest" in the form of prayers has turned into unconcealed talk of "putting down" the "religious outrages" in the Soviet Union. Words of "religion" are becoming words of war. To believe that the reactionary bloc of imperialists and clericals intend to confine themselves to futile prayers is to surrender to the illusion that the "religious movement" has no material-class basis.

To fail to understand that we are not dealing with a mere chorus of "protest," but with a definite movement to mobilize the masses for an armed attack against the Soviet Union is to betray the working class to the imperialists. It must be clear to every thinking worker that the whole religious hullaballoo is nothing but an ideological campaign in preparation for a war against the Soviet Republic. It is a brazen attempt to split the international working class by uniting it with the capitalists under the banner of religion in support of an imperialist war against the workers of the Soviet Union.

The capitalists and their clerical tools know very well that the policy of the Soviet Union is not to abolish religion by decrees from above. The march of Socialism means the abolition of the material conditions which nourish religious ideas. Only the destruction of the last remnants of capitalism, only the constant improvement in the material living conditions of the masses and their re-education on a vast scale on the basis of Socialism will lead to the ultimate abolition of religion, as of alcohol and other dopes.

"As in religion, man is governed by the products of his own brain," says Karl Marx, "so in capitalistic production he is governed by the products of his own hand." It has been the abolition of capitalism in the Soviet Union that has laid the basis for the utter destruction of religion. It is the sharp class struggle against the remnants of capitalism in the village, the kulaks in alliance with the village priests, that is destroying the last material refuge of subservience and superstition.

The economic crisis in the United States which has sharpened the general crisis of capitalism; the rapid advance of Socialism in the Soviet Union, with the help of the Five-Year Plan, has convinced the imperialists of the necessity of attacking soon or losing their opportunity entirely. The religious attack against the Soviet Union, therefore, is not merely a fight between atheism and religion, but primarily between Socialism and capitalism. Both capitalists and clergy see their doom in the continued existence of the Soviet Union.

"The protest," says the New York Journal, "transcends all differences of creed, uniting all religious beliefs in a common cause." The cause of religion is the cause of the capitalist class, the cause of exploitation and oppression. The same church and clergy that drove the working class into the last imperialist war for the profits of their masters; the same church and clergy that draw dividends from the trusts and corporations, sucking their billions in profits from the bodies of the working class, regardless of creed—these same peddlers of opium to the people are now crying for a war against the only country ruled by the working class.

Capitalism does not ask the worker about his religion when it throws him out of a job. But in the interest of their profits and the very capitalist system, the imperialist robbers, in the name of religion, through their religious agents, are calling upon the workers to fight against their fellow workers in the Soviet Union.

Against this ruling class "unity of all religious beliefs," the Communist Party calls for the unity of the entire working class against their capitalist exploiters. The Communist Party does not give up its fight to free the masses from the poison of religion. But it explains to the working class that only the sharpest class struggle against the oppression and the exploitation of the masses by parasitic coupon-clippers, only the complete destruction of the capitalist system itself will enable them to rise out of the swamp of ignorance and superstition.

Religion is not only the product of ignorance, but of class oppression, of the misery of the masses, of their subordination to social forces which they are unable to control.

The Communist Party will fight against every attempt to split the working class on the grounds of race or religion.

Workers! Religion is a pretext, a poison-gas attack to blind you to your class interests! In darkest America, where capitalist law forbids the teaching of evolution as a science, where the prosecutor of the Gastonia strikers rolls on the floor and hysterically calls God to send workers to the electric chair, where 7,000,000 workers and their families starve in the shadow of thousands of ornate churches, where in Marion the religious workers see the heads of the church kick them out of their accustomed place to breathe foolish prayers to an unhearing God, because they struck against wage cuts and the speed-up, in capitalist America, in short, the godly bootlickers of Wall Street cry for war on the Socialist Republic!

The workers of the world will accept the challenge! None of the 7,000,000 starving jobless will cease to fight—for "Work or Wages." None of the millions driven to exhaustion by the speed-up and harrassed by wage cuts will stop one moment in their fight against the capitalist attack! And all of them will unite against capitalism and its attempt to whip up a war against the Workers' Government.

Defend the Soviet Union! Fight for Work or Wages! Demonstrate on March 6

DEMONSTRATION ON TUESDAY FOR 40-HOUR WEEK

NeedleTrade Industrial Union to Lead Huge Defiance of Thugs

I.L.G. Gorillas Slugging

Police Aid Gangsters; Courts Jail Workers

The Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union has called for a great demonstration by all militant workers in the garment section Tuesday morning at 7:30, for the 40-hour week, for union conditions and against the terror. Further details will be furnished later.

Workers locked out by the bosses, and returning after the fake settlement find in addition to the six day week, company union, two year slave contract the International Ladies Garment Workers has signed, that the company has made agreements with separate bosses to not only give no increases in pay, but to cut the pay below what they were getting, sometimes below what open shops were getting.

Intense dissatisfaction is growing. The jobbers and the contractors are fighting, the jobbers seeing that they were swindled and coerced through the use of the company union and seeking to back out of the

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T. U. U. L. BOARD SCORES FISHWICK

Musteite New Union Is Trick of Bosses

The National Executive Board of the Trade Union Unity League in the course of its three day session ended Monday adopted the following statement, warning the coal miners of the trickery in the Fishwick proposal for a new union under the leadership of the Illinois Coal miners, and outlining its policy in these circumstances.

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"The National Executive Board of the Trade Union Unity League warns the coal miners against the proposed National Convention on March 10 in Springfield, Illinois, which has been called by the Fishwick officialdom of District 12, United Mine Workers of America. This is the latest scheme of these notorious tools of the coal operators to confuse the miners and to hamper the growth of the National Miners Union. It is an attempt to company-unionize the miners, so that the operators may have a still freer hand to go through with their plans of intensified exploitation of the workers.

"This convention is put forward in the guise of progressiveness, of a fight for effective unionism. But the utter hypocrisy of this pretense is clear when it is seen who is behind the movement. Fishwick is simply the falseface for Farrington, ex-president of District 12, who was fired from the union for accepting $25,000 per year graft from the Peabody Coal Co. Fishwick is the agent of the Illinois coal operators. The struggle between him and John L. Lewis is a reflection of the struggle between rival groups of coal operators for control of the remnants of the U.M.W.A. and to develop a strike breaking weapon against the National Miners Union.

Long Record of Treason.

"Lewis and his crew of misleaders are rotten to the core, with a record

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DePriest Aids Auto Bosses Fight Negroes

So many workers are joining the mass movement against the criminal syndicalist laws sponsored by the International Labor Defense in the Detroit-Pontiac region that the auto bosses swiftly rushed their puppet, Oscar De Priest, to the scene to try to counteract the swelling resistance.

There are over 150,000 unemployed workers in Detroit. The De Priest meeting proved unsuccessful compared with the meetings held when Beal was released from jail on $10,000 bail.

The I.L.D. is met with a great financial burden in defending the criminal syndicalism cases. Mass mobilization for the tag days, Feb. 22 and 23 was urged, as well as contributions to be rushed to the national office of the I.L.D. at once.

FOSTER SPEAKS AT RELIEF MEET

Conference Opens at 7 P. M. Tonight

At 7 o'clock this evening the Conference for Strike Relief to the Miners, Textile and Shoe Workers, and all other workers engaged in the struggles in this country, called by the Workers International Relief, will open at Irving Plaza Hall, Irving Place and 15th St.

Many unions, shops, workers clubs and fraternal organizations have already sent in their credentials to the office of the Workers International Relief, who is calling this conference. There will be representation from the shoe workers, who are on strike at present, from the needle trades, hotel and restaurant workers, textile workers, bakers and many other unions. Delegates representing Trade Union Unity Leagues, Party Units, Workers Schools and fraternal organizations will come to this conference from every section of this city.

The W.I.R. brass band will play a number of revolutionary melodies and films from the field of struggle in Gastonia and Illinois will be shown. Comrade Wm. Z. Foster and a number of other speakers from workers organizations will address the conference.

Delegates and workers are requested to come on time 7 p. m. sharp, Irving Plaza Hall, 15th St. and Irving Pl.

Amtorg Head Proves Gains of 5-Year Plan; Ask Credit to Buy Here

Peter A. Bogdanov, head of the Amtorg Trading Corporation in America, the official trading agent of the U.S.S.R., appeared before the American-Russian chamber of commerce and told of the amazing success of the Five Year Plan.

Reeve Schley, President of the Chamber and Vice President of the Chase National Bank, cited figures showing trade with Russia had exceeded $155,000.000 last year, $115,000,000 of this amount being exports to Russia.

Bogdanov pointed out that the immensely valuable U. S.-Soviet Union trade would grow more rapidly if the U. S. let down the barriers to credits, necessary to buy the machinery needed in the Five Year Plan.

PINCHED FOR STEALING CASH

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 19.—Dr. Diagio Reale, fascist-Italian- vice consul here was arrested today charged with stealing $41,134 from the City Deposit and Discount Co., of Bristol, near her

UNITE JOBLESS FOR STRUGGLE

Baltimore T. U. U. L. Rallies Workers, Negro and White, for Demands on Open Shop Bosses

Philadelphia Unemployed Stage Protest Meet at Scene of Battle on City Hall Plaza

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 19.—This is an industrial city, run on the "open-shop" plan, and Hoover's "prosperity" hit it hard. Thousands are walking the streets, filling the "employment" offices, seeking shelter in pool rooms from the cold, and crowding around places where a job might be had.

Here the Trade Union Unity League issued its first call two days ago, and two open-air meetings were held before the Western Electric and at Locust Point, with masses of workers eagerly listening to every word of the speakers. Leaflets were distributed calling a meeting.

We underestimated the response, for unexpectedly, workers started coming singly and in groups, and the hall was quickly packed with unemployed, most of them Negro workers.

Many discussed with enthusiasm the program and demands of the T.U.U.L. for the unemployed, and all present joined in forming the Council of Unemployed. All took leaflets for the next meeting, and meetings were arranged daily for

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MEET TO DEFEND SOVIETS MAR. 16

Fight War Threats of Religious Dopesters

The Friends of the Soviet Union, 175 Fifth Ave., announced today it had secured the Bronx Coliseum, 177th St. and Bronx River, for its mass meeting March 16, called as a counter demonstration against the prayer services announced for that date by Bishop William T. Manning in his anti-Soviet drive.

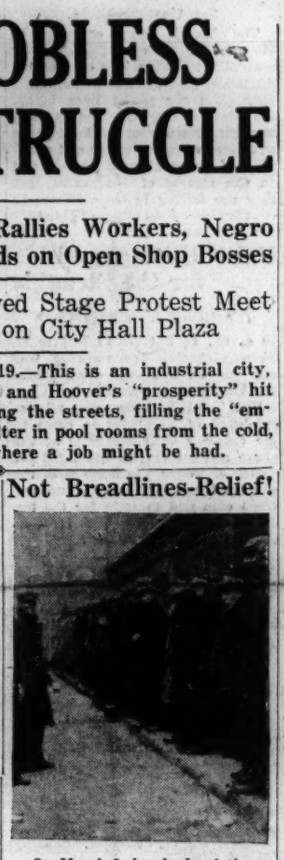
The protest meeting will start at 2 p. m. and will be addressed by many prominent speakers, among them Bishop William Montgomery Brown, author of "My Heresy," who was expelled from the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Commenting on the letter sent to President Hoover by the American Committee on Religious Rights and Minorities urging that the President and the United States government aid the movement against Soviet "religious persecution," Ludwig Landy, secretary of the Friends of the Soviet Union, today declared:

"This is only another step in the holy crusade against Soviet Russia, a crusade backed by organized capital and the government of organized capital. All this is preliminary propaganda for war. Nearly 13 years ago the masses of this country were led into a war for the greater profit of Wall Street, under the sanctimonious slogan of 'making the world safe for democracy.' But this slogan has been shot so full of holes that it can no longer fool anybody, so the imperialists of the world are busy inciting a lynch fever under a new slogan: 'Save the persecuted Christians, Jews and Mohammedans from the Bolshevik heathen!' We call upon all workers and other sympathizers throughout the country not to be fooled by the capitalist priests and rabbis.

Build the United Front of the Working Class From the Bottom Up—in the Industries!

Not Breadlines-Relief!



On March 6, hundreds of thousands of jobless workers will demonstrate for work or wages. The breadlines are growing but the ranks of unemployed in the mass demonstrations will grow larger in the demand for unemployment insurance.

300 DELEGATES AT JOBLESS MEET

New York T. U. U. L. Mobilizes for Mar. 6

Over 300 delegates from Unemployed Councils, several A. F. of L. local unions, workers' fraternal organizations and from shops, attended the unemployment conference called by the Trade Union Unity League of New York, held at the Manhattan Lyceum, Wednesday night.

Sam Darcy, representing the Communist Party, spoke on the growing crisis of capitalism in the United States and throughout the world, and outlined the tasks of the T. U. U. L. in organizing the unemployed and employed workers for a struggle for relief.

A. Patterson, organizer of the unemployed Negro workers, spoke on the necessity of the Negro and white jobless workers fighting shoulder to shoulder in the struggle. There were speakers from the youth committee of the T.U.U.L. Tom Defazio, of the Needle Trade Workers' Industrial Union, spoke.

George Ziskind, secretary of the New York T.U.U.L. presented and spoke on the program of action. He talked on the necessity for mobilizing for the March 1 T.U.U.L. convention and organizing all workers, employed and unemployed, white and Negro for the world unemployment demonstration on March 6, to fight for work or wages.

MEETING OF DAILY WORKER AGENTS.

A special meeting of all Section and Unit Daily Worker representatives will be held Thursday evening, February 20, at 7:30 p. m., at the Workers' Center, 26 Union Square.

State Dep't Aids Attacks on Soviets

BULLETIN.

ATHENS, Greece, Feb. 19.—Hope for a union of imperialist powers against the Soviet Union was expressed today by the Metropolitan of Athens, head of the Orthodox Church in Greece.

This religious dopester announced that he had appealed to the imperialist League of Nations for an attack on the Soviet Union.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Knowing the willingness of American imperialism to attack the Soviet Union on the least excuse, religious dopesters have sent protests to the U. S. State Department against so-called religious persecutions in the U. S. S. R.

Acting secretary of state Cotton, who takes the same view towards the workers' republic as his master, Henry L. Stimson, said today he has not made any decision regarding the action of his department, but he would make the protests public later today.

The forces of reaction throughout the world are supporting the war plans of the imperialists against the Soviet Union. Because the American imperialist government has shown its desire for war on the Soviet Union, through Stimson's Manchurian note, and the ordering of the break between Mexico and the U.S.S.R., the religious dopesters in this country are adding fuel to the flames by deliberately urging on intervention against the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

PAINTERS ASKING T. U. U. L. CHARTER

Launching New Union; Meeting Tonight

The painters organized in the Trade Union Unity League have acquired a sufficient membership to apply for a charter as a union and are doing so. A meeting of all painters will be held tonight at 108 East 14th St.

The sentiment among these workers is for spreading their activities on a wider scale. A meeting will take place once every week in the Bronx. Besides these regular meetings, mass meetings will be held all over the city for the purpose of organizing all painters into one strong

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Hoover Support to Big Power Trusts Is Shown by Letter

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—More revelations of Hoover's close connections with grafting lobbyists was brought out today in connection with the big power trusts Muscle Shoals grab. It was recently revealed that Chief Justice Hughes of the Supreme Court got $65,000 from the Cyanamide Co., which is taking over the Muscle Shoals project.

A letter from Colonel W. Worthington, head of the Muscle Shoals lobby, to Claudius H. Huston, chairman of the Republican National Committee, reveals that Hoover, when he was secretary of commerce, worked together with the big power trusts. The letter says, in part:

"Perhaps I had better explain a little more in detail to you that I told John H. Bankhead that you and I in the fall of 1925 did our utmost to bring the power and chemical groups together, and we made a dismal failure, and I further explained to him that you, along with Mr. Hoover, even undertook to bring these together through Mr. Owen D. Young and failed."

STANDARD OIL CO IS MURDERER OF 11 N. J. WORKERS

Many More Dying, and Scores Blind After Refinery Blast

Pipe Line Leaked

State Starts Whitewash of Company

BULLETIN.

The Standard Oil Co. of N. J., is trying to escape the blame for its murder of 11 workers in the alcohol plant explosion Tuesday, by putting the blame for a leaking gas pipe on "some disgruntled worker who kicked the pipe and broke it." Thus, a frame-up of some worker to whitewash the company seems in the offing. Standard oil thugs armed with clubs and guns are surrounding the wire-enclosed plant.

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ELIZABETH, N. J., Feb. 19.—The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey stands guilty of the murder of 11 and probably more workers. A gas pipe—worn to a shell—this was the Standard's instrument of murder.

This is the verdict of scores of workers at the huge 3,600 acre Bayway Refinery of the Standard Oil

Besides the murder of the workers whose lives were snuffed out in the explosion Tuesday afternoon at the alcohol plant of the Standard Oil in Linden, the Standard Oil Company's greed for more and more profits means that scores of workers face misery in total blindness for the remainder of their lives. At least 100 received minor injuries.

The Standard Oil Co. has been laying off workers by the thousands in its New Jersey refineries, speeding up those who remained to the extreme limit. In its fierce speedup, workers state, the Standard Oil has constantly neglected to make repairs on leaking pipes which seriously endangered the workers' lives.

Workers at the Standard Oil plants who had been laid off in recent months stated that only organization of both the employed and unemployed oil workers together could bring about better conditions and wages, the end of the speedup, and of such slaughters as Tuesday's.

While John D. Rockefeller, who has made hundreds of millions out

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RIVALRIES GROW; SHUT NAVY MEET

Imperialists Rush War Armaments

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The race-for-armament conference has adjourned for a week. The official excuse given is the overthrow of the Tardieu government. It is expected that the vacation will last much longer, but the imperialists are going ahead with their naval war arms building program. Not the least semblance of agreement is likely to come out of the Five-Power meet.

In the meantime, the delegates are attempting to spread "peace" propaganda among the masses to hide the sharp rivalries of the imperialist powers and the rapidly developing war situation.

To give the appearance that the conference has not completely broken down, an announcement was made that the experts would meet and talk things over. But the French delegates declared that their experts would not take part.

T.U.U.L. LEADING AMALGAMATED FOOD WORKERS TO STRUGGLE

EVIDENCE OF WILL TO FIGHT OF THE WORKERS

Unity League Hits Lore Wrecking Tactics

The Trade Union Unity League has issued the following statement on the affiliation of the Amalgamated Food Workers with it:

"The membership of the Amalgamated Food Workers Union voted in the referendum recently concluded to affiliate with the Trade Union Unity League. This vote is a significant victory for every member of the Amalgamated, for the militants fighting against the fascist Lehman of Waiters Local No. 1, the corrupt bosses clique and fascist United Hebrew Trades and Bakers Local 500 of the A. F. of L. and the tens of thousands of unorganized food workers.

This vote on the part of an unmistakable majority of the A.F.W. membership marks the beginning of a new period in the struggle to organize tens of thousands of fearfully exploited food workers.

"By affiliating with the new revolutionary trade union center, the members of the A.F.W. signify their determination to struggle militantly against the slave conditions, the 12 to 14 hour day, the crushing speed-up, low wages, mass unemployment, for the organization of the unorganized, and the consolidation of all organized and unorganized food workers into one powerful National Industrial Union.

For Class Struggle.

"Only the class struggle program of the T.U.U.L., only the militant leadership of the new union center holds out any hope for the food workers. The Burkhardt, Gundt and Lore leadership of the A. F. L. is completely bankrupt. They have turned the Amalgamated into a company union, no better than the strike breaking A.F.L. Food Crafts Council and the underworld clique of Bakers Local No. 500.

"While the Hotel and Cafeteria section is engaging in one militant battle after another, while it is winning victory after victory for the Cafeteria Workers, forcing union conditions, cutting hours, and forcing the bosses to grant wage increases, the Burkhardt, Gundt, Lore bureaucracy are mouthing fake phrases and turning one Amalgamated shop after another into a scab nest. Due to the class peace policy of Burkhardt, union standards in Amalgamated shops have been smashed. While thousands of bakers are unemployed, facing extreme misery, the 12 to 14 hour day is tolerated. Wages are constantly cut, and the speed-up has no limit. The leadership of the Amalgamated is a narrow bureaucratic clique The fact that there is absolutely no distinction whatsoever between the fake progressive Amalgamated, and the A.F.L. company union is proven by the rapid pace with which Lore, Burkhardt, and Gundt are leading the Amalgamated into the folds of the A.F.L.

Burkhardt's Wrecking.

"Lore and Burkhardt are using desperate union smashing tactics in order to violate the will of the membership for affiliation with the T.U.U.L. Burkhardt and Lore claim that the T.U.U.L. referendum was "defeated" by 200 votes. The entire membership, however, knows that the claim of Burkhardt is based on the most corrupt vote stealing and splitting tactics. Food Clerks Local No. 17, leading militant struggles to organize the food clerks is not recognized by Burkhardt. Philadelphia and Cleveland locals are discounted. The suspension of 5 of the best locals of the Amalgamated under the pretext of arrears in per capita payment, prove conclusively that Lore, Burkhardt and Gundt are using desperate splitting tactics because the membership has decided to force them to relinquish their corrupt bureaucratic and crushing leadership.

New Forces.

"Not only are the members of the A.F.W. ready to engage in militant struggle against the slave conditions forced upon them by the bosses and their agents, but the workers in the A.F.L. unions, Waiters Local and the Bakers Local 500 are in mass revolt against the treacherous officials, the fascists of the United Hebrew Trades, and the bosses. The struggling workers of the Amalgamated and of the A.F.L. must unite their force in one common struggle against the bosses and their social fascist agents, the A. F. L. bureaucrats and the Musteite fakers.

"The T.U.U.L. calls upon all food workers, upon all members of the Amalgamated and the A.F.L., and upon all unorganized food workers to unite their forces to organize shop committees in every shop, to repudiate the class collaboration betrayal policies of the social reformist bureaucracy to march forward under the banner of the T.U.U.L. for one powerful Industrial Workers Union for a militant struggle against the attacks of the bosses, for the 7 hour 5 day week, for higher wages, for unemployment insurance, for the organization of the unorganized, and for better conditions."

Today in History of the Workers

February 20, 1903 — Anti-Anarchist legislation signed by President of the United States. 1919—Communist revolution in Hungary. 1919—J. Louis Engdahl sentenced to 20 years in prison in espionage act case in Chicago. 1919—French soldiers and sailors at Odessa refused to fight against Soviet Russia. 1922—Conference of railroad and other unions and liberal bodies opened at Chicago to adopt disarmament at Geneva conference.

CONFERENCE TO PLAN WOMEN DAY

Delegates Meet 2 P.M.; Celebration in Evening

While the world-wide propaganda campaign against the Soviet Union, preparatory to armed attack, gains momentum, the New York District of the Communist Party is mobilizing the women workers to fight these imperialist attacks and to defend the first Workers' Republic.

Saturday, at 2 p. m., on the fourth floor of the Workers' Center, 26 Union Square, a conference of representatives of shops, unions and fraternal organizations will be held to make preparations for the mass celebration of International Women's Day, March 8, whose chief slogans will be the fight against the imperialist war danger and the defense of the Soviet Union.

International Women's Day will be celebrated Saturday, March 8, at 8 p. m., at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place, where two halls have been engaged.

Painters Ask for T. U. U. L. Charter

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union, based on the program of the class struggle.

See Need of Struggle.

These workers realize that the painters have never gotten better working conditions unless the workers themselves forced them from the bosses, through militant struggle, and know that only a union built up by the painters themselves, based on the class struggle, will help them get better conditions. A meeting held in Harlem was attended by 100 painters, who expressed their solidarity with their fellow painters, and not only joined the union but are participating in spreading the union.

One worker related how hard it is for one hurt on the job to receive any compensation. He stated that although he was not able to work for a month, he lost more time in appearing at the compensation hearings and then was awarded the great sum of $25, but he was given $15 at once and the other $10 was merely promised to him. Although a year has passed this worker has not received the money.

PAISLEY MINES GET FEW SCABS

Barracks Untenanted; Pickets Defy Gunmen

MOUNDSVILLE, West. Va., Feb. 19.—In an obvious move to intimidate the men into returning to work, the Valley Camp Coal Co., a subsidiary of the Paisley interests, has imported a batch of strikebreakers. It has met with little success, however, in its attempt to operate the mine. Tight picket lines are being maintained at all three mines both morning and evening. The Valley Camp company has erected barracks at the Alexander Mine for the strikebreakers, but these barracks are still untenanted, according to its own statement which declares that it "wants to give the local men a chance to return to work."

There are 1,500 miners on strike in this vicinity under the leadership of rank and file committees organized through the activity of the National Miners Union. They are fighting against a wage cut, and demand safety provisions, recognition of the miners' committee, and other improvements.

Set Up Searchlight.

The Valley Camp company at Moundsville has established a searchlight station just east of the Alexander Mine, and powerful lights play upon the picket lines before the mines in the early morning and at night. State troopers, local police and hired company thugs and stool-pigeons swarm about the mines and on the streets of Moundville, but they are failing in their efforts to

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Unite Unemployed for the Struggle

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10 a. m., at 514 North Eutaw St. Then yesterday the meeting was still bigger, and still more joined the Unemployed Council.

The T.U.U.L. calls upon all unemployed of Baltimore to come to the council's daily meetings at the above address to join the fight for "work or wages," to unite with the employed against the speed-up and wage cuts and to rally for the big demonstration on March 6. International Unemployment Day.

Communist Activities

Build the Party Concert and Dance.
Saturday, Feb. 22, 8.30, at Italian Workers Club, 2011 Third Ave., auspices Unit 4, Section 4. Proceeds Daily Worker and Il Lavoratore. Admission 35 cents.

Section One.
New discussion outlines at Agitprop Conference, Feb. 19 at 6 p. m. Unit Agitprops and comrades interested in leading unit discussions and Agitprop work be present.

Section Three.
Membership meeting, Friday, 7 p. m., 1179 Broadway.

Amalgamated Food Workers Fraction
Friday, 8 p. m., at center. General fraction meeting.

Section One Affair.
To help National Training School, Saturday, Feb. 22, 8 p. m., 67 E. 4th St. Good program, movies. Admission 25 cents.

Local 24 Members Can Elect Officers Pledged to Militant Policy Now

"The present officers of Local 24 of the Cloth Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers Union who are running for re-election have done nothing to protect our conditions," says a statement of the Cap and Millinery Section of the Trade Union Unity League. The statement points out the worsening of conditions, the unemployment, the attempt of the the Local 24 officials, with the help of the bosses, to force Local 43 Trimmers to join Local 24.

The statement publishes the demands of the workers: to fight unemployment by a fund paid for by the bosses and controlled by the workers, abolition of temporary jobs, winning the 40 hour week; organization of the unorganized through a rank and file organisation committee; no bosses to work at the benches; establishing of a shop committee representing in all branches of the trade, and joining the T.U.U.L.

Candidates for office in Local 24 who are pledged to this program are: M. Ziebel, for secretary organizer; and for organizers: P. Weissman, I. Moosin, S. Leibowitz, and May Hilfgot. The voting is Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the union office.

Demonstrate Tuesday for Needle Workers

deal. There is a threat of another lockout to settle this manufacturers fight.

Even if there should be no more lockout, the worsened conditions of the workers under the company union agreement has filled them with resentment. They are flocking up to the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union headquarters by whole shops, and going on strike against the fake settlement.

The International Ladies Garment Workers (the company union) has hired every thug and gunman for sale, and they are running loose through the market, with the full co-operation of the police, with fights every day, for the Industrial Union workers resist vigorously.

Tuesday 20 gangsters broke into a shop where the N.T.W.I.U. had won union conditions, and a bitter struggle took place. The police came, and arrested ten gangsters, who were found to be armed with clubs, black-jacks, and every sort of weapon. They also arrested one worker. When the case came into court yesterday, the worker, John di Molas, was given 30 days, and the gangsters were released.

The industrial union goes on with its campaign. A dress shop on Bushwick Ave., told its locked out workers when they came back that they had to pay a fine and initiation fee to the I.L.G.W., which together amounted to $11, and furthermore, the rate of pay was reduced 15 cents a piece. When they protested, the boss told them the I.L.G.W. approved the reduction, and they could take it or get out.

They are now on strike under the leadership of the N.T.W.I.U.

The industrial union issues a call to all workers to come and help picket one important dress shop at 261 West 36th St.

BOSTON STRIKE IS SPREADING

Bosses Growl at ILGW Failure; 11 Jailed

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 19. — The strike is spreading through the dressmaking shops here. The cloak shops are closed down at the call of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, fighting for the 40-hour week and union conditions.

Eleven were arrested in today's picketing, the police ruling that distribution of the strike leaflets is a breach of the law—Massachusetts law under which Sacco and Vanzetti were electrocuted.

Labor and Fraternal Organizations

Exposition International Revolutionary Posters.
Of Workers Esperanto Group, 28 Union Square 5th floor, till Feb. 26.

I.L.D. Bazaar.
Feb. 28 to March 2, at New Star Casino. Collect articles, funds, adds, sell tickets, volunteer at room 422, 799 Broadway and all branches.

Office Workers Union Dance.
Friday evening, Feb. 21, Webster Manor, 11th St. between Third and Fourth Avenues. Negro Jazz Band, entertainment, refreshment. All workers invited. Admission 75 cents.

Bill Haywood Branch I.L.D.
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Bronx Midnight Performance.
Saturday Feb. 22, 11.30 p. m. Soviet movie "New Babylon." Freiheit Gesangverein. At Boston Road Theatre, Boston Rd. corner Wilkins Ave. Freeman St. subway station.

Bronx Katovis Memorial.
Friday night, 930 Westchester Ave., near Prospect Ave., room 17. Auspices Women's Council.

Art and Dance Eve.
Sunday, Feb. 23, Unity Cooperative Auditorium, 1800 7th Ave.

Williamsburg I.L.D.
Friday night, 105 Thatford Ave, Alexander on I.L.D.'s fight against race discrimination.

Unemployed Meeting.
Friday, 8.30 p. m., 2700 Bronx Park East in Auditorium. Prominent speakers, admission free.

Student Council Workers School.
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W.I.R. Chorus.
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Local I.L.D.
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Footworkers Dance and Concert.
Also, labor news reel, Saturday, Feb. 22, 8 p. m., 16 W. 21st St. Auspices Womens Department Hotel, Restaurant and Cafeteria Workers Union.

Drug Clerks.
Tonight at new headquarters, 125 W. 45th St., room 600.

Japanese Night.
Friday, Feb. 21, 1300 Seventh Ave. Dance, music, admission 25 cents. Auspices Unit 2, Section 4, C. P.

Womens Council No. 15.
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LECTURE ON BELT SYSTEM.

The terrific force of the speed-up in industry, such as we see on the "belt" portrayed in a Fordized plant, mated with unemployment and all the evils that go along with man's oppressed position beneath the machine, will be the substance of the Workers' School lecture to be given Sunday by Robert Dunn.

International Wireless News

SELL OUT BERLIN TAXI DRIVERS.
(Wireless By Inprecorr)

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—The government issued a decision, ending the taxicab strike and granting the men one third of the total takings, with a daily guaranteed wage of four and a half marks. The former wages has been one-quarter of the takings, but with a guaranteed daily minimum of eight marks.

The "socialist" trade union leaders abandoned the demands of the strikers and compromised with the fleet-owners and the court.

Unemployed Laundry Workers Meet Tonight; Help Build the Union

The Cleaners and Laundry Workers' Industrial League, Section of the Trade Union Unity League, is calling a meeting of unemployed laundry workers Feb. 20, at 11 in the morning at 336 Lenox Ave. (near 27th St.). At this meeting a council of unemployed laundry workers will be organized to work together with the employed laundry workers to organize shop committees in laundries and work for the organization of a strong industrial union of laundry workers. All unemployed laundry workers, and who want to help us in this work, are invited to this meeting.

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GERMAN POLICE PLANT "EVIDENCE" AGAINST COMMUNISTS IN RAID

Day of Battle Before Liebknecht House While Police Search Communist Party Offices

Fake "Religious" Drive Not Enough, So Seek to Frame-Up Hair-Raising Sedition Case

(Wireless By Inprecorr)

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—Yesterday's raid on the Karl Liebknecht House, Central Headquarters of the Communist Party of Germany, was conducted by several hundred uniformed police detectives, who occupied the building from 10 a. m. till 2 p. m. They searched the cupboards and desks, broke into the typists' handbags, ransacked everything and confiscated some material.

The names and addresses of everyone in the building were taken and 14 arrested. The purpose of the raid was to discover the origin of the Communist leaflets that were distributed among the police force and the army and navy. The bourgeois press, however, admits that in his respect the raid was unsuccessful.

The news of this latest attack of Zoergiebel's social-fascist police on the Communist Party spread like wildfire, and the square in front of the Liebknecht House was soon filled with indignant workers. The unemployed from the nearby labor exchange formed a parade and marched to the building whereupon the police furiously attacked the workers. Severe collisions ensued during which the police started to shoot, however, killing anybody. Many arrests were made.

The collisions continued throughout the whole day. Spontaneous protest meetings and demonstrations took place outside many factories. The shop councils adopted resolutions, protesting against the raid and the new police brutalities.

The Red flag was raised on the Liebknecht House during the raid, and greeted by the workers with the singing of the Internationale.

The Communist Deputy Dahlem declared in the Reichstag that the police refused to give a detailed list of the confiscated material which is required from them by law, and depropaganda among the masses to file in the building, containing unknown material, which points to an intended frame-up against the Party based on forgeries.

Foes of German Communist Party Hit by Workers

BERLIN (By Inprecorr Service). —In Offenbach on the Main, one of the strongholds of the right wingers, the party organized a mass meeting which was attended by 1,500 workers. Comrades Heinz Neumann and Willi Muenzenberg spoke amidst great applause. A resolution was unanimously adopted condemning the right wingers and promising the support of the Offenbach workers for the party in the coming struggles.

A mass meeting of the Communist Party in Duesseldorf was broken up by the police 20 minutes after it had commenced, on the ground that the assembled workers had welcomed the speakers with shouts of "Red front!"

The breaking up of the meeting had, however, been previously planned as evidenced by the large numbers of armed police stationed near the hall. As a protest against the action of the social democratic police president of Duesseldorf, 88 workers joined the Communist Party.

In Hamburg the police attacked a procession of workers marching to a Communist meeting. The workers resisted the efforts of the police to break up the procession, whereupon the police fired into the ranks of the workers, seriously wounding a young worker. Three workers were arrested.

NATIONAL BOARD OF UNITY LEAGUE SCORES FISHWICK

Urges All to Fight In Ranks of N. M. U.

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of unbroken treachery and corruption behind them. They have sold out innumerable strikes. They have tried to drive 300,000 unemployed miners out of the industry. The Fishwick machine has shared in all Lewis's betrayals of the miners. Between these elements they have wrecked the once militant and powerful U.M.W.A. The miners have nothing to expect from either Lewis or Fishwick except further sell-outs to the bosses. A union headed by Fishwick would be just as rotten as the present UMWA.

"The most insidious and dangerous aspect of Fishwick's move for a new company union is the support being given him by such elements as Howat, Brophy, Tippet, Angele, Watt, etc. The role of these fake progressives and Trotskyists is to cover up the utter treachery of Fishwick and Farrington with phrases about establishing honest unionism. Their contemptable task is to act as the fig-leaf of the black reactionaries Fishwick and Farrington, which means for the Illinois coal operators. These fake progressive elements are the most dangerous of the enemies of the miners.

The Muste Front.

"Howat, Brophy and Company are members of the so-called Muste group, or fake progressive wing of the A. F. of L. The role of this group is to sugar with radical phrases the strike-breaking schemes of the A. F. of L. Their policy is basically the same as that of the A. F. of L. leadership—collaboration with the employers and violent opposition to all militant struggle They are the bitterest opponents of the Trade Union Unity League. Passaic, New Bedford, Boston, Gastonia and many other scenes of working class battle testify to their insidious role as practical strike-breakers. In the recent strike in southern Illinois they unblushingly lined up in the united front of bosses, labor fakers, troops, gangsters, police, capitalist politicians, etc., against the striking miners. Their opposition to the formation of the N. M. U. when it was clear beyond doubt that the U. M. W. A. was hopelessly reactionary, exposed the hollowness of their "progressive" pretenses. Their present alliance with the agents of the Illinois operators, the Fishwick machine, and their attempt to lure the miners into the new company union is the logical climax of their whole treacherous program.

"Fishwick is of the same reactionary kidney as Lewis. Both are social-fascist agents of the bosses. The miners must repudiate them. The T. U. U. L. calls upon the miners to quit the Lewis organization and to eliminate Fishwick and his whole crew of "progressive" figleaves. Send no delegates to this fake convention. Wipe the whole Lewis, Fishwick, Farrington, Brophy bunch of fakers from the coal industry. Rally to the fighting organization of the miners, the National Miners Union. Only in this way can the miners effectively struggle against the wage cuts, mass unemployment, speed-up, and slave conditions forced upon the miners under the Lewis-Fishwick machine.

"Miners, join in the great struggle the National Miners Union is now initiating for the establishment of the six-hour day, five-day week in the coal industry, as well as for improved conditions all around. The shorter work week, together with the demand for social insurance, is the most effective means of combatting the terrible mass unemployment in the industry. The developing battle of the miners will come to a climax on October 1 of this year in a great national movement of both the anthracite and bituminous miners. Lewis is now preparing to sell out the anthracite miners at the expiration of their agreement on September 30. This must not be permitted. It can only be prevented by the anthracite miners joining hands with the bituminous miners in the great national struggle for the six-hour day and five-day week under the banner of the National Miners Union. The miners are now going on to the defensive after the terrible defeats suffered under the Lewis-Fishwick machine. This defensive will reach its high point in the approaching national struggle next fall.

All the forces of the miners must be thrown into preparations for this vital struggle. Especially the miners of the South must be organized. The first big step is the holding of a big mass convention of at least 1,000 delegates of organized and unorganized miners in Pittsburgh on June 1. To make this convention a success every effort must be made to mobilize the miners by local and district conferences and union building in all parts of the industry. The many strikers now occurring must be utilized to strengthen the N.M.U. for the big battle ahead. The drawing in of new rank-and-file elements into the leadership and the improvement of organization methods are vital in this task. All of the work of the N.M.U. must be carried out in the sense of preparations for a national strike next fall.

The National Executive Board calls upon the miners to smash the Lewis-Fishwick machine and to rally to the National Miners Union. It also calls upon the working class generally to support the miners. The fight of the miners is a class fight. The whole T.U.U.L. forces must be thrown into the struggle. Prepare for the great battle of the miners on October 1.

Paisley Mines Get Few Scabs; Pickets Active

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browbeat and terrorize the strikers, who are standing fast for their demands.

It was the Valley Camp Coal Co., owned by the Paisley's mine at Kinloch, Pa., which killed scores of miners last year in a great explosion, resulting from the fact that the men were forced to work in dangerous gas.

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Muste Lauds Fishwick.

Complete proof, if any more were needed, that the Muste movement is behind the Fishwick and Illinois Coal Operator faction in the United Mine Workers of America split is given by A. J. Muste himself in a statement just issued, in his capacity of chairman of the "Conference for Progressive Labor Action."

Fishwick's splitting of the U.M.W.A. is, "a legitimate revolt against the incompetency of Lewis leadership rather than a struggle over isms," says Muste, "and is the only course open to him."

Morganatic Marriage



The Young Plan.

Union Invites Women Cafeteria Workers to Celebrate at Its Dance

"Celebrate with the union," is the call being issued this week by the Women's Department, Hotel, Restaurant and Cafeteria Workers Union to all women cafeteria and automat workers, inviting them to a concert and dance Saturday night, February 22, at the Food Workers' Home, 16 West 21st St. Women workers in the Senate cafeteria in Brooklyn and in the Pennsylvania, West 34th St., both of which recently granted union conditions after noon-hour strikes, will be the honor guests.

Women workers are urged to join the union so as not to lag behind the men workers in the fight to change the miserable open-shop, job-slavery. The concert and dance next Saturday is expected to attract many women new comers to the union.

Government Official Admits Women Toilers Have Bad Conditions

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 19.—Mary Anderson, director of the Women's Bureau of the U. S. department of labor, in a speech dealing with conditions among women wage earners in this country, said that one American woman out of five is a wage earner, and one wage earner out of five is a woman.

'The approximately 80 reports already published by the bureau," she said, "stress the fact that thousands of women still fail to receive a living wage, and that thousands still toil more than eight hours a day and 48 hours a week, many as much as 10 hours daily and 60 hours a week, and some much more. In too many instances women are forced to work in crowded, poorly ventilated, dirty work rooms, to strain their eyes because of glare or insufficient light, to stand all day or sit continuously in a cramped posture, to have their safety menaced by unguarded machinery and their health jeopardized by lack of comfort and sanitation in plant service equipment."

Young Pioneers Give Answer toWade; Will Sharpen Activities

The Young Pioneers of the New York District have issued a statement replying to superintendent of schools, John Wade. The statement, in part, reads as follows:

"We, the members of the District Executive Committee, of the Young Pioneers of America, hereby register our protests against the statement issued in the capitalist press by superintendent of schools, John Wade.

"The Young Pioneers have been carrying on work among the workers' children of New York for the past few years, and at present are more active than they ever were. The statement by Superintendent Wade, saying that "Communistic activities among the school children have been checked so far as the Public Schools are concerned" is just another attempt by the bosses and their tools to hide from the working class the activities that the revolutionary working-class organizations are carrying on among the working class.

"This statement was issued because the bosses know that now with the present unemployment, the workers' children, and the whole working class are rallying more and more to the call of the revolutionary workers."

TALK to your fellow worker in your shop about the Daily Worker. Sell him a copy every day for a week. Then ask him to become a regular subscriber.

JOBLESS AID STEEL CAR WORKERS TO WIN STRIKE IN ILL.

Negroes and Whites Fight Together in Hegewish Walkout, and Wage Increase Is Won

Unemployed and Strikers Unite Under Leadership of Trade Union Unity League

(By a Worker Correspondent)

HEGEWISH, Ill. — Wednesday, February 12, the press department walked out of the Pressed Steel Car Company shops in Hegewish. They immediately organized and elected a committee of eight to present their demands to the bosses.

Thursday morning a committee saw the bosses and told them their demands. They tried to get them back into the shop and promised to talk the matter over and settle it. But the workers were not fooled at all. They refused to go back unless their demands were granted.

Speakers and organizers of the T.U.U.L. appeared on the scene and spoke to a number of unemployed workers gathered at the company employment office. They asked them not to apply for work, inasmuch as one department was on strike. The unemployed workers went, together with the strikers, to a hall two blocks away, where the T.U.U.L. speaker addressed the crowd and explained our form of organization, which was accepted with applause.

The significant thing in this strike is that Negro workers were in the lead. Out of 41, about one-third were Negroes, and a Negro worker was chairman of the meeting and of the strike committee of eight.

After discussing the matter the committee went and saw the boss, as they said, for the last time. He gave in and granted their demands which were 80 cents for pressers and 75 cents for helpers. The committee came back and reported. All the way they were followed by nine husky policemen who came into the hall during the meeting, trying to intimidate the workers, but in this they did not succeed at all.

After the committee had reported it was voted to go back to work the next day. However, it was decided that if the boss did not live up to his promise or if he discriminated against any one of the strikers, they would all walk out.

The unemployed workers united with the strikers and many of them also signed applications for membership in the T.U.U.L.

—STEEL CAR WORKER.

Some Carolina Mill Towns That Need NTWU

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CONCORD, N. C.—Send me a bunch of The Daily Workers and I will give them out. There is a lot of workers down here that wants to read them.

Part of the mills around here are shutting down. Many of them on three days a week.

At Norwood, N. C., the wage scale is $7 to $10 a week for 50 hours. In Mt. Gilead, N. C., the wages are $1.50 a day for 60 hours a week.

In Hikh Point, N. C., the workers are talking union. The mills there closed down to three days a week.

Over in Albermarle, N. C., there is 12 big mills, and the wage scale runs from $7 to $11.50 a week. Some of the workers get up at 3 a. m. and go to work, about 14 hours a day.

The National Textile Workers Union is needed for the mill workers in these towns.

—N. C. MILL WORKER.

Alliance Mill Boss Insults Girls

(By a Worker Correspondent)

PHILADELPHIA. — The Alliance Processing Co. is one of the mills in the Kensington area. We have in this mill a disgusting sample of what the working-class girls must undergo in order to earn a scanty living.

It isn't enough to be torn away from school at 12 to 14 years of age and placed on the slave market. It isn't enough that the girls are viciously speeded up, and underpaid and exhausted at the end of the day's work.

In addition to all this they must stand for insults and humiliation from the boss. Albert Wilgoose, who bosses the girl winders at the Alliance Processing Mill, has a nice little game of "feeling" the girls as they work. Of course, they recant his rottenness but individually they can do nothing. To protest would mean to lose the job.

This is only a small example of what the working girls must stand for, but they must realize that individually they cannot combat this stuff, but must organize in a real textile workers' union, the National Textile Workers Union that will force such hounds as Wilgoose to stop his insults, give them decent working conditions, shorter hours and a living wage.—H.

A Stunt to Fool the Jobless Workers

(By a Worker Correspondent)

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Here in New Haven is the State Free Employment Agency. The man in charge of it was prominent in the A. F. of L. Thousands of destitute workers visit this place every day.

Now their is a bosses' paper here, the "Register." A reporter for this paper sauntered in, and had a great idea. He lined the crowd of hungry men up on the sidewalk, and took a photograph of them. They appeared in the following Sunday edition, in their rags and misery, nice reading for the bourgeoisie in their relaxation.

They had one of the ragged ones say "To hell with the Reds, give me the good old U.S.A." An automobilist went by and threw out a cigarette butt, and the jackass that let himselm be used by the bosses against his fellow workers picked it up and smoked it.

Unemployed workers, let's organize. The Reds are our friends, the only ones to lead us, and fight for us.

New Haven Jobless Worker.

Sugar Refinery Worker Fired—Attended Lenin Meet

(By a Worker Correspondent)

PHILADELPHIA.—A worker of the Franklin Sugar Refinery bought a ticket for the recent Lenin Memorial celebration here. The Franklin Sugar Refinery had private dicks of their own to watch for workers who attended workers' meetings. The next day this worker was called to the office, paid off, and told never to come back to work, because he had attended the Lenin Memorial meeting.

Methods of this kind won't prevent the workers of the Franklin Sugar Refinery from organizing against the speed-up and low wages as well as long hours in this plant.

—PHILADELPHIA WORKER.

Slavery in the Coal Dumps

(By a Worker Correspondent)

CHICAGO.—I saw an alluring sign decorating the window of an employment shark, "An all-winter job," "coal yard," piece work, can make $5 to $8 a day, pay every night." This looked like real prosperity, so several other destitute workers and myself grabbed this job. We were assigned as coal hikers and shovelers, and the employment ticket stated the rate at 15 cents to 60 per ton. The place of work was H. N. Lund Coal Co., 1740 North California Ave.

Upon presenting our letter from the employment shark to the boss, we were herded into a little shack which was filled with 60 to 70 coal hikers, and were told to wait for our turn.

The company had about 20 trucks hauling coal, therefore, all of the hikers didn't have a chance to get out in any one day, no matter how busy the trucks were, but were kept waiting all day long for their turn in the crowded little shack with tobacco smoke. Those who were lucky enough to be called out averaged between $1 to $2 a day. The trucks started out at 7 in the morning.

But every morning the coal hikers lined up before the office window outside at 5 o'clock in the bitter cold waiting for the timekeeper, who arrived at 6:30, to take their names, in hopes that being first at the window will give them a better chance to get out hiking.

My employment ticket, read in part, "union dues deducted." I inquired what kind of a union the coal hikers have which permits such miserable conditions to prevail.

But the workers said that the union is no good and that their condition has become worse since the union came into coal yards, they didn't know who the officials were, doubted if the union had any charter and expressed their opinion that the coal company pays their 'dues" to some labor fakers who have agreed to keep the coal yard workers down.

I worked in this coal yard a week, the last two days my "turn" didn't come, so myself and several others were simply starved out of a job. My earnings amounted $10.80, of which $1.75 was deducted for a shovel, and the job cost $3, leaving $6.05 to the good.

—COAL WORKER.

AND THEY "LAID IT ASIDE."

PARIS, Feb. 19.—Edward N. Hurley's "suggestion" that the world industrial leaders unite to prevent war by refusing to supply belligerent nations with essential raw materials was "laid aside" by the executive committee of the International Chamber of Commerce. The president of the chamber artfully said that it should have been sent to the "American committee" of the chamber.

STANDARD OIL CO. MURDERER OF 11 N.J. WORKERS

Pipe Line Leaked; State Starts Whitewash

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of the slavery of scores of thousands of Standard Oil Workers, was playing golf in Florida, more workers died in Elizabeth hospitals yesterday as a result of the alcohol plant explosion which was caused by the failure of the Standard Oil Co. to repair a gas pipe line from which naptha gas was escaping.

Failure to make such repairs in many parts of the refineries of the Standard Oil Co. in Linden, Bayonne, and Jersey City has resulted in the killing and crippling of scores of Standard Oil workers in the past, Standard Oil workers said.

The flaming naptha gas that snuffed out the lives of four workers and injured 64 more on Tuesday, continued all day yesterday to take more victims of the Standard Oil Company's greed for profits.

Company Happy—"Little Property Damage."

While six more workers were dying, the company officials seemed happy over the fact that "the blaze was soon extinguished and little property damage was caused to the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey."

While the company officials were so happy about so little damage being caused to the company, grief filled the homes of scores of workers in Elizabeth and neighboring cities, in which the victims of Rockefeller's greed live.

The grief of the families of the workers injured in the explosion was increased when hospital surgeons announced that many more of the workers injured in the explosion were doomed to die and that many of the rest faced blindness for life.

State Begins Whitewashing Co.

At the same time the New Jersey State authorities began the process of whitewashing the Standard Oil Co. and clearing it of all blame for the murder of the 11 workers and the crippling of scores more.

"Investigations" to whitewash the Standard Oil Co. were being made by Prosecutor A. J. David, of Union County, one by Police Chief Hickey of Linden, one by the New Jersey State Dept. of Labor, and one by the Standard Oil Co. itself.

The Linden police department is well known to be controlled by the Standard Oil, workers at the plant said. So are the Union County officials.

The workers of the Standard Oil Co. refineries in iLnden, Bayonne and Jersey City are entirely unorganized. "We are at the mercy of the Standard Oil Co.," said one of the workers who escaped from the disaster yesterday," and they can do what they want with us, because we aren't organized. The Works Council is the Standard Oil Company's way of keeping us from fighting for better conditions and wages, and also for safety conditions."

Many Standard Oil workers at the Bayway plant pointed out that if they had been organized, they could prevent such a disaster as occurred Tuesday, because if they had a fighting union in back of them they could demand that safety precautions be taken to protect the workers and that repairs be made promptly by company.

One worker told of the time he was working in the Bayonne plant of the Standard Oil, when the workers struck in 1915. The workers had to battle police and thugs as well as troops, which the company had on its side, but the workers won. The American Federation of Labor refused to fight for the oil workers then, and he said he had no use for the A. F. of L.

"We Need a Fighting Union."

"It isn't the A. F. of L. we want, the officials of that organization sell out every time.

"We need a fighting union, to fight for better conditions and wages, and protect our lives from such slaughter like what happened here Tuesday."

The Trade Union Unity League, with national headquarters at 2 E. 15th St., New York, yesterday stated that the death of 11 workers in the Standard Oil refinery explosion was a clear case of murder of the workers by the Standard Oil Co.

It called on the workers of the Standard Oil Co. to organize shop committees in order to wage a determined fight against slave wages and conditions and to fight for protection of the workers lives.

It urged all Stndard Oil workers interested in organizing under the fighting leadership of the Trade Union Unity League to get in touch with the Trade Union Unity League at 93 Mercer St., Newark, N. J.

Scenes or horror marked the murder by the Standard Oil Co. of 11 workers and the maiming of scores more. There was a series of three blasts, the first one occurring in the alcohol building. Roars were heard for miles around, as the blue flames swept thru the building.

The workers nearby, many of them building workers at work adding another story to the building, were thrown many feet from scaffolds by the force of the blast.

Scores of workers at once became human torches. Four were killed outright. Scores of workers lay on the ground, unconscious. Many, blinded, began to seek some way of escape, but unable to see, ran into the barbed wire fences which surround the Bayway refinery, as if to shut the workers in a prison.

After the victims were removed to the hospitals, the latter joined in aiding the Standard Oil Co. in maintaining secrecy as to the cause of the blast by refusing to allow the victims to be seen. Workers however, told of the leak in the naptha gas line, which the company had kept unrepaired

The injured workers were horrible sacrifices to the greed of the Standard Oil for profits. Some had their arms or legs blown off. The flesh of some workers was cooked on their bodies—just charred meat and bones.

The eye sockets of many of the injured workers are empty—their eyes blown out in the explosion. Workers asked to be put out of their pain. One begged some one to shoot him.

The tragedy was heightened when hundreds of members of the families of Standard Oil workers, most of whom live in Elizabeth, stormed the hospitals to see if their breadwinners were still alive. Police roughly handled these mothers, wives, daughters, and sons of the workers.

Every so often someone from the hospital would appear and read the names of some of the dead or dying workers. Shrieks from the workers' womenfolk rent the air as each name was read.

The Elizabeth hospitals didn't even have enough medical supplies on hand to treat the horribly injured workers—they were only workers.

The workers of the Bayway refinery showed many examples of heroism, running to the scene at the first blast to rescue fellow workers whom the Standard Oil, which enslaved them all, had maimed.

Low Wages, Dangerous Work.

The Bayway plant is located in Elizabeth and Linden. It includes refineries for gasoline, crude oil, and also manufactured medicinal oils and insect spray as well. All these products are highly inflammable, and low wages are paid for this extremely dangerous work. Laborers in the Bayway plant told the Daily Worker of barely averaging $25 a week, some getting as low as $22.

The workers are forced to join the company union, the Works Council, under which the workers are spied on and prevented from fighting for decent conditions and for safety protection.

Reduction of forces, making the remainder of the workers do the work of those laid off as well as their own, has brought the number employed in the plant down to 3000.

Accidents due to company neglect and lack of safety protection for the workers are very frequent.

Lack of a fighting organization, such as the Trade Union Unity League, has, as a worker at the refinery describes it, put the workers at the mercy of the Standard Oil Company, which is notorious for its greed for profits, caring nothing for workers' lives.

Greet Porter Feb. 26



[illegible] Porter, class war prisoner, in army prisons for 18 months because as a soldier he fought militantly for the New Bedford Textile strikers. He will be released Feb. 26. On that night he will speak at a mass meeting arranged by the I.L.D. and Young Communist League at New Star Casino.

Many Participate in Int'l Defense Bazaar

One hundred and fifty-seven organizations of New York workers have already sent in their assurances of taking active part in the annual five day bazaar of the International Labor Defense to be held February 26, 27 and 28, March 1 and 2 in New Star Casino, 107th St. and Park Ave.

Material for scores of booths is being prepared by the many working class organizations. All ads and greetings, and all funds for tickets and collection lists are asked to be brought at once to the district office. The last meeting of the City Central and Bazaar Committees will take place Thursday, February 20, at 26 Union Square.

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BOSTON CAN GO OVER THE TOP

By ROY STEPHENS.

THE Boston District can go over the top in the recruiting drive despite the fact that it is far behind in it's quota of new members. In order to do this, however, every member must get busy and our work among the masses must be intensified to a greater extent. Our most glaring weakness at the present time is the fact that we are far behind in the recruiting of new members, especially the recruiting of Negro workers.

In shop nuclei and shop papers we have passed the quotas as originally set by the Central Committee. However, we can not be satisfied with this for some of the shop nuclei are not yet functioning properly and the shop papers do not contain enough news from the shops nor have the members been drawn in sufficiently in issuing these papers.

Our quota at present is too high in comparison with other districts but we must do everything to fulfill it. However, we must severely criticize the sections and the district for raising the original quota. It would have been much better to have passed the quota of the Central Committee instead of having the quota raised too high which has resulted in making many of the members feel pessimistic about the possibility of fulfilling the quota as it now stands.

A Slow Start.

We were too slow in getting into mass work and as a result we got off to a slow start in the recruiting drive. During the first weeks of the drive most of the new members recruited were sympathizers of the Party who had been very close to the Party for some time. While it was essential to bring these elements into the Party nevertheless the most important wield of activity of the Party, that of winning the masses thru participation in their struggles has begun only during the last few weeks. We have been quite successful in recruiting members at meetings of the unemployed but not very successful in recruiting members in the shops. Here is where the basic Communist activity must be done and the comrades in the shops must intensify their activity.

Many units have held mass meetings of their own to appeal to the workers to join the Party but most of these meetings were poorly prepared. That good meetings can be arranged in neighborhoods was proven by the success of the Lenin Memorial Meeting held in South Boston at which over 250 workers were present. This meeting was arranged a week after the Boston Lenin meeting and the same leaflet was used (with a change in date and place, of course), but they were able to attract many more new elements to the meeting than the whole Party in Boston did at their meeting. This also shows the need of making better preparations for our mass meetings by a bigger distribution of leaflets and a better mobilization of the Party membership and mass organizations. Despite all their shortcomings these neighborhood meetings must be recognized as opening a new epoch in the life of our Party and must be continued.

Win Negro Workers.

We should severely criticize ourselves for insufficient work among the Negro workers and beginning immediately we must pay more attention to winning the leadership over the Negro workers. In our work among the unemployed we have a splendid opportunity to do this but as yet we have neglected to do so.

The Daily Worker has also been seriously neglected by this district. Many of the members are not yet subscribers and this is inexcusable. A comrade has been sent out by the district office to cover the outlying cities and we expect these units to give this comrade all cooperation possible and to see that every member immediately subscribes to the Daily Worker.

The following are the main tasks for this district during the remainder of the period during the recruiting drive: (1) More recruiting of new members in the shops. (2) Mass meetings in working class neighborhoods by all units to mobilize the workers for the March 6 demonstration and to recruit members for the Party. (3) Units in Worcester, Providence and Negro section in Boston to immediately organize mass meetings of this character among the Negro workers. (4) All shop nuclei to meet immediately and prepare to issue a shop paper. Those units that have already gotten out the first issue should issue the second issue before March 6. (5) Every member not now a subscriber to the Daily Worker to subscribe immediately. Every member to get a new reader for the Daily Worker within the next ten days. 6) Every effort to be made by the members and units to keep all new members. (7) Every member to get into action to help build the Party and prepare for the mass demonstrations against unemployment on March 6.

By carrying out the above the Boston District can go over the top in the recruiting drive and together with other districts be in a much better position to go forward to building our Party into a mass Communist Party.

ELEVEN DEAD, FOURTEEN DYING! By Fred Ellis



Rockefeller Is Annoyed Because He Will Have to Spend a Few New Dimes Repairing His Plant.

STARVE OR FIGHT!

A Challenge to the Unembloyed

By GRACE M. BURNHAM,
Labor Research Association.
(Continued)

Public Works.

THE undertaking of public works in periods of business depression is hailed by apologists for the capitalist system as a cure-all for unemployment. "Stabilizing prosperity," Mr. Hoover called it in his pre-election campaign following the unemployment crisis of 1927-28. And Hoover's mouthpiece, Governor Brewster of Maine, gave this glowing description of the project: "Picture the approach of an economic crisis with unemployment threatening on every hand. The release of three billions in construction contracts would remedy or ameliorate this situation. Follow the flow of these three billions to the contractor, to the laborer, to the material men, to the factory, to the factory employe, to the merchants, to the farmer. It goes like the house that Jack built and unemployment is at an end."

It does not take much imagination to "follow the flow of these three billions to the contractor." We had many demonstrations of a similar flow during the last war. Speaking in support of this measure during the recent Senate investigation, Isador Lubin disclosed a most significant feature of the plan. "During recessions," he says, "when private demand is usually small, the government could make purchases under much more favorable conditions than would otherwise be possible. At the **same time it would be able to secure its required labor at lower wages.**" This, then, is the crux of Mr. Hoover's conscious policy for stabilization. A few widely advertised government contracts granted for profit at the **expense of the wage standards of the worker.** Unemployment, depression of wages, and the government going in to the labor market to undercut the union scale.

On becoming president, however, Mr. Hoover saw fit to let even this scheme for stabilization drop. The Jones Bill which modestly appropriated $150,000,000 as a "prosperity reserve" was defeated in January, 1929. Senator King, in registering his vote against the measure, put in one sentence the government's attitude toward the workers. "We had better postpone action on this matter for a year, when hard times will come."

Hard times did come, in less than a year. But the president's recommendation for "stabilizing prosperity" by governmental appropriations for construction shrank from three billion to $175,000,000 **to extend over a period of ten years.** Writing in the December 25th issue of The Nation on "Prosperity by Proclamation," Alfred Bernheim says: "I see no justification for any estimate which places the excess 1930 capital expansion budget of government and corporations combined above $750,000,000 and the wage share of that total will not afford full-time employment for more than between 175,000 and 200,000 men. This is certainly not an inexaustible reservoir of jobs, and offers little hope that new construction work can take care of any market increase of unemployment."

Official figures received by S. W. Straus and Company from 588 cities and towns of the country for building permits issued in December, 1929, show a loss of 39 per cent compared with the same month of 1928. For the entire year the same centers revealed a loss of 12 per cent from 1928 and 13 per cent from 1927. "The decline in building," states the Straus Review, "it would appear, **must go still further.**" (emphasis mine.) Building activity in New York City during December fell more than 50 per cent behind December, 1928. Permits in Chicago were more than $100,000,000 below 1928 and $150,000,000 behind 1927.

The facts give the lie to the myth of business stability. Plans for increased building activity on which the entire Hoover program for unemployment relief concentrated have burst like a bubble. Prosperity advertising goes on, however, side by side with headlines on unemployment. The New York Times of February 1 carried these two headlines on the same page: "Lamont (secretary of commerce) Declares Survey Shows Greater Industrial Activity and Less Unemployment." "Miss Perkins (industrial commissioner of New York State) Finds January Job Total 2 Per Cent Below December, 6 Per Cent Under November; 8 of 11 Main Groups Drop; 100,000 Laid Off in Factories of State Since October."

It is obvious that appropriations for public works will not solve the problem of unemployment. Even if a nationwide building program of the kind suggested by Hoover in his pre-election campaign were seriously undertaken, it would provide work for hardly more than a few hundred thousand men. At the same time the technological changes in industry, the squeezing out of thousands of workers through mergers and consolidations, the transfer of a growing amount of American manufacture to foreign countries, the speed-up with its attendant discharge of the older workers mean increasing millions of unemployed. That these millions of workers who have been trained for a particular craft in a particular locality, can overnight, be shifted across the continent and be put to work building a dam, a harbor, or a post office, is too preposterous an assumption for any worker to swallow, regardless of high pressure publicity.

The theory that appropriations for public works will solve the problem of unemployment is dangerous for the workers, not only becaus it spreads the illusion that unemployment i going to be wiped out by any such metho It is dangerous because of the increased power it gives a capitalist government to use such appropriations—whether voted by city, state, or nation—to weaken the trade union movement. Workers cannot afford to become parties to the advocacy of such schemes. But they should lose no time in organizing to obtain job control by shop committees, shorter hours, higher wages and limitation of the speed-up on all government jobs and contracts, those under way and those contemplated under additional appropriations.

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Acute Danger of Armed Attack on the Soviet Union

By I. AMTER.

THE danger of an armed attack on the Soviet Union grows more acute day by day. That the naval "reduction" conference has the main aim of mobilizing all imperialist and reactionary forces against the Soviet Union daily becomes clearer.

The instigation of the attack on the Soviet government in China, by the American imperialist government through Chang Kai-shek; the interference of Mr. Stimson with what he called a "peaceful" settlement between Mukden and the Soviet government; the postponement of the conference between the representatives of the Soviet Union and the Mukden agents From January 25 to February 25, all at the behest of the U. S. imperialist government, were the beginning of a series of events pointing clearly to intervention.

The Bosses' Front.

The breaking off of relations between the Mexican and the Soviet government, the Mexican fascist president, Rubio, acting as a willing tool of Wall Street; the threatened breaking of relations by the British government, the provocation against the Soviet government by the French imperialists, in ascribing the disappearance of the white guard general Koutiepoff to plots of the Soviet embassy and the subsequent demand for the severance of relations between the French imperialists and the Soviet government—all occurring within a short period indicate the sharp trend of events.

The attack on the Soviet embassy in Munich, Germany, the bitter attacks carried on by the Berlin social democratic "Vorwarts" with the open aid of full assistance to the imperialist government, show the trend in Germany as far as the fascists and social-fascist social democrats are concerned.

Then came the encyclica of the pope against "religious persecutions" in the Soviet Union. Prior to that the American Zionists, led by Rabbi Wise, protested against the "indignities" placed upon the Jews in the Soviet Union, by the workers demolishing the synagogues and building up workers' clubs in their place. Then the declarations of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York, followed by the snivelling statement of Bishop Manning of New York.

The aim of these religious pronunciamentos is to arouse **religious hatred** against the Soviet Union, because the Communist Party and the Young Communist League of the Soviet Union, and the Atheist League, are carrying on a **struggle against the medieval belief in religion and the church.** This campaign of education and propaganda is proceeding with all energy and with splendid effect, with the result that **the workers and peasants themselves decide to drive out the priests and convert the churches into clubs.**

Contrary to the lying propaganda about persecution of the priests and all believers, now being carried on in every imperialist country, including the United States, **Metropolitan Sergius, chief patriarch of the Russian Church and member of the Synod,** when asked a series of questions, gave answers in which he declares that **the Soviet Union is allowing free practice of religious ceremonies within the law, and that when churches are closed it is at the will of the workers or peasants who have been parishioners of the church. Priests who have been punished have only paid a penalty for counter-revolutionary activity.**

Not an Accident.

This makes no difference to the imperialists who are doing their utmost to stir up hatred of the Soviet Union, with a view to attacking the Soviet Union.

It is not an accident that the naval "reduction" conference is deciding to **increase armament,** that relations are broken off with the Soviet Union or a threat is being made in that direction by several reactionary governments, that a hue and cry over "religious persecution" is being raised throughout the reactionary world by the heads of the churches—all simultaneously.

The attacks of the Soviet Union on the kulaks, with the firm intention of **uprooting this reactionary capitalist remnant of the old regime** in the Soviet Union, are countered by the imperialists with attacks on the Soviet Union. The attacks on the kulaks are necessary in the industrialization and collectivization plans incorporated in the Five-Year Plan. The success of the Five-Year Plan is convincing the most backward peasants with small and medium holdings that this new mode of production—collectivization—is progressive. The driving out of the kulaks—the representatives of capitalism in the Soviet Union village—in many instances on the demand of the poor and medium peasants and often through their initiative—is coupled with the campaign of enlightenment carried on among the workers and peasants, intensifying their hatred against the kulaks, **the upholders of religion and ignorance in the Soviet Union.** But the world capitalists are determined to support their fellow capitalists in the Soviet Union.

Thus the attacks on the Soviet Union are not based upon an opposition of "religious persecution," on "freedom of thought" and the various other sham issues raised against the Soviet government, but entirely on the growing power of the Soviet government, of Soviet economy, of the growing misery of the workers and peasants in the imperialist countries, and the developing influence of the Communist Parties.

Alleged agents of the G.P.U. of the Soviet Union making raids in Rumania; alleged agents of the Soviet government with large quantities of forged notes, etc., in Greece, agents of the Soviet government or the Communist International in India and Indo-China—all of these are issues raised in order to justify a united attack on the Soviet Union.

The coincidence of these happenings is not accidental. The crisis in the capitalist countries, driving the imperialist powers to war for markets; the vicious offensive against the workers of all countries to reduce their conditions; the fearful unemployment amounting to at least 17,000,000 in the imperialist countries, as contrasted with the rising conditions in the Soviet Union; the growing power of the Soviet Union and the rising tide of Communism as a result of the growth of revolutionary will to struggle on the part of the workers and peasants in the imperialist and colonial countries; the "arms reduction" conference which is an **arms increase** conference—all emphasize the closeness of imperialist attacks on the Soviet Union.

The rising tide of fascism, the establishment and merging of fascist organizations in the United States, the unemployed demonstrations and strikes on March 6 point out lessons for the workers.

Lessons for Workers.

1.—There is immediate need of mobilization of the workers in defense of the Soviet Union. The Soviet government is resisting all provocations of the imperialists, but everything points to armed intervention, against which the Russian workers and peasants must be supported by the workers in the imperialist and colonial countries.

2.—There is immediate need of the formation of Anti-War Committees in the shops, factories and mines for defense of the Soviet Union.

3.—There is immediate need of the Communist Party and Young Communist League reaching the armed forces of the government with Communist propaganda, so that they will refuse to shoot on our Soviet brothers.

4.—There is immediate need of the creation of Workers Defense Groups, for everything possible will be done to keep the Communists from leading the workers in demonstration. (Already it is known that the National Guard has been given notice for service on Unemployed Day!)

5.—The unemployed demonstrations and strikes on March 6 must be utilized for connecting up closely the question of the economic crisis, which has resulted in millions being without work, millions working part time, and a vicious wage slashing campaign being carried on against the employed workers—with the contemplated armed attacks on the Soviet Union. Undoubtedly the fascisti of the United States will be mobilized for attacks on the Communists.

6.—The Communists must intensify their work to expose and destroy the influence of the social-fascist American Federation of Labor, socialist party and the renegade Lovestoneites and Cannonites. In this period, the imperialists utilize their most despicable and contemptible tools in the ranks of the working class to induce the workers to continue capitalist rule. Matthew Woll, vice-president of the A. F. of L. is right when he says that the struggle today is between the organization of capitalist "democracy" and the social organization of Communism.

7.—The Communists must organize the fight against the use of injunctions, Paragraph 600 in New York, the sedition and criminal syndicalism laws, the registration and deportation of foreign-born workers, the organized employment of gangsters and the underworld in attacks on the workers.

The fight against unemployment, against the offensive of the capitalists on the conditions of the workers still employed, **against imperialist war and for defense of the Soviet Union—this is one fight of the working class led by the Communist Party against the capitalist class and the capitalist government.**

As this is written, Premier Tardieu declares that **he will not resist the rising tide of demand for severing relations between the French imperialist and the Soviet government.** A few days ago he admitted that **"the question of a break with the Soviet government would have to be solved not from the French, but from the European angle."**

Simple, plain language! **This will not be a war of French imperialism alone against the Soviet Union, but a united force of the world imperialist powers against the Workers Fatherland!**

Our answer must be: **immediate energetic mobilization of the workers in the shops for defense of the Soviet Union!**

Immediate organization of anti-war committees in the shops and mines for defense of the Soviet Union! Intense mobilization of the unemployed and employed workers for demonstration and strike on March 6! Immediate organization of powerful workers defense groups to protect the workers against the fascists!

Mighty demonstrations of unemployed and employed workers throughout the country with the slogans: work or unemployment insurance—defend the Soviet Union, the workers fatherland!

The time is short—the danger is great! The Communist Party and the workers must get on the job!

The Relation of the Workers Party to Religion

By N. LENIN.

THE speech of the deputy Surkov in the Duma debate on the budget of the Synod, and the discussions in our Duma fraction over the draft of his speech, have raised an extremely important and at the present moment topical question. Interest in everything connected with religion has today undoubtedly taken hold of considerable sections of "society," and has also made its way into the ranks of the intellectuals who stand near the labor movement, and even into certain working class circles. Social democracy must definitely make clear its attitude to religion.

Social democracy builds its whole world conception on scientific Socialism—that is to say, on Marxism. The philosophic basis of Marxism is, as Marx and Engels have repeatedly pointed out, dialectical materialism, which has taken over the historical traditions of eighteenth-century French materialism and of the materialism of Feuerbach in the early nineteenth century—that is, of materialism which is absolutely atheist and definitely hostile to all religion. We recall to mind that the whole of Engels' Anti-Duhring, which was read in manuscript by Marx, accuses the materialist and atheist Duhring of the inconsistency of his materialism, because he leaves a backdoor open for religion and religious philosophy. We would further call to mind that Engels in his work on Feuerbach brings against the latter the reproach that he fought religion not in order to annihilate it, but in order to revive it, to discover a new "elevated" religion, etc. Religion is opium for the people—this Marxist fundamental principle is the pivot of the whole Marxist world conception in questions of religion. Marxism regards all present-day religions and churches, each and every religious organization without exception, as instruments of bourgeois reaction, which serves as a shield for the exploitation and deception of the working class.

At the same time, however, Engels repeatedly condemned the attempts of those who wished to be "more left" or "more revolutionary" than Social Democracy and to introduce into the program of the workers' party a direct confession of atheism in the sense of a declaration of war on religion. In 1874, in the discussion of the famous manifesto of the Communist refugees, the Blanquists, then living in exile in London, Engels treats their noisy declaration of war on religion as folly, and expresses the view that such a call to war is the best means to revive interest in religion anew and hinder the actual dying out of religion. Engels blames the Blanquists for their inability to see that only the class struggle of the working masses, which draws the widest numbers of the proletariat into a conscious and revolutionary political activity, that only this is able really to free the oppressed masses from the yoke of religion, while the declaration of war on religion as a political task of the working class is a piece of anarchistic phrase-making. Also in 1877, in the Anti-Duhring, in which Engels flays without mercy the slightest concessions of the philosopher Duhring to idealism and religion, none the less he condemns the would-be revolutionary idea of Duhring that religion should be forbidden in the Socialist society. Such a declaration of war on religion, he declares, is "to out-Bismarck Bismarck," i.e., to repeat the folly of Bismarck's "Kulturkampf" against the clericals, the fight which Bismarck in the 'seventies waged against the German Catholic Party, the "Center," by means of police persecutions of Catholicism. By this fight Bismarck only strengthened the militant clericalism of the Catholics, only injured the cause of real cultural advance, since he pushed into the foreground religious divisions in place of political divisions and drew away the attention of certain sections of the working class and of the democratic forces from the urgent tasks of the class struggle and revolutionary struggle into the direction of an entirely superficial and deceitful bourgeois anti-clericalism. Engels accused the would-be ultra-revolutionary Duhring of wishing to repeat Bismarck's folly in another form, and he demanded of the workers' party the capacity to work patiently at the organization and enlightenment of the proletariat—a work which leads to the dying out of religion—without throwing itself into the adventures of a political war on religion. This standpoint has entered into the very flesh and blood of German Social Democracy, which accordingly supported, for example, the freedom of the Jesuits, their permission to stay in Germany, and the removal of all police measures against this or that religion. "Declaration of religion as a private affair"—this famous point of the Erfurt program (1891) confirmed the above political tactics of Social Democracy.

This tactic meanwhile has become a routine and has produced a new distortion of Marxism in the opposite direction, in the sense of opportunism. The statement of the Erfurt program began to be interpreted in the sense that we Social Democrats and our party actually regard religion as a private affair, that for us as a party, for us as Social Democrats, religion is a private affair. Without entering into a direct polemic against this opportunist conception, Engels considered it necessary in the 'nineties to make a definite stand against it, not in a polemical but in a positive form. He did this in the form of a declaration—on which he deliberately laid stress—that Social Democracy regards religion as a private affair in relation to the state, but not at all in relation to the workers' party.

This is the outward history on the views of Marx and Engels on the question of religion. For people who handle Marxism carelessly, who cannot and will not take the trouble to think, the history is a tangle of senseless contradictions and vacillations of Marxism: a mess of "consistent" atheism and "indulgence" towards religion, an "unprincipled" vacillating between the revolutionary war on god and the cowardly wish to suit one's words to the believing workers, the fear of frightening them away, etc. In the literature of the anarchist phrase-makers many attacks on Marxism after this fashion are to be found.

But whoever is even in the least able to take Marxism seriously and to go more deeply into its philosophical foundations and the experiences of international Social Democracy, will easily see that the tactics of Marxism in relation to religion are completely consistent and fully thought out by Marx and Engels, and that what the dilettantes and ignoramuses consider to be vacillations are a direct and necessary conclusion of dialectical materialism. It would be a great error to believe that the apparent "modernation" of Marxism in relation to religion finds its explanation in so-called "tactical" considerations, in the sense of the wish "not to frighten away," etc. On the contrary, the political line of Marxism in this question is inseparably bound up with its philosophical foundations.

Marxism is materialism. As such it is no less hostile to religion than the materialism of the eighteenth century Encyclopaedists or of Feuerbach. This is certain. But the dialectical materialism of Marx and Engels goes further than that of the Encyclopaedists and Feuerbach, in that it applies the materialist philosophy to history and to the social sciences. We must fight religion. That is the A B C of all materialism, consequently also of Marxism. Marxism goes further. It says: we must know how to fight religion, and for this purpose we must explain on materialistic lines the origin of faith and religion to the masses. The fight against religion must not be narrowed down to an abstract ideological preaching; the question must not be brought down to the level of preaching of this character; the fight must be brought into close connection with the concrete tasks and activity of the class struggle, which is directed to the elimination of the social roots of religion. Why does religion maintain its hold in the backward strata of the town proletariat, in the strata of the semi-proletariat, and in the mass of the peasants? Because of the ignorance of the people, answers the bourgeois progressive, the radical or bourgeois materialist. So: down with religion; long live atheism; the spreading of atheist views is our principal task! The Marxist says: Wrong! Such a conception is a superficial, narrow bourgeois view of "spreading light and culture to the people." Such a conception does not explain deeply enough the roots of religion, does not explain it materialistically, but idealistically. In the modern capitalist countries these roots are above all social. The social oppression of the working masses, their apparent absolute impotence before the blind forces of capitalism, which daily and hourly inflict upon ordinary working men and women sufferings and atrocious tortures a thousand times more frightful than all the extraordinary happenings, such as war, earthquakes, etc.—here is to be sought the deep present-day roots of religion. "Fear has created the gods." The fear before the blind power of capital—blind because its action cannot be foreseen by the mass of the people—the fear that hangs like a menace over every step of the proletarian and the small owner, and can "suddenly," "unexpectedly," by "accident," inflict upon him poverty, downfall, to be turned into a beggar, a pauper, a prostitute, hand him over to death by hunger—here is the root of present-day religion, which the materialist must before all and above all hold before his eyes, if he is not to remain stuck in the children's shoes of materialism. No mere books of propaganda are ground down by the convict system of capitalist forced labor, who are at the mercy of the blind destructive forces of capitalism, so long as these masses have not themselves learnt, as a united, organized, systematic, conscious force, to fight against this root of religion—the domination of capital in all its forms.

But does it follow from this that a book of propaganda against religion is harmful or superfluous? Not at all. Something quite different follows. What follows is that the atheistic propaganda of Social Democracy must be subordinated to its principal task—that is, to the carrying forward of the class struggle of the exploited masses against the exploiters.

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